

IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT, WHAT HAPPENS?

It is known that Patrol Members' guidance has saved many a child from injury or death.

However, many education authorities, Home and School and Parent-Teacher Associations and other groups have been concerned about the question of liability for damages in case of an accident either to a patrol member or a child under his control.

Special insurance to cover such liability can be obtained at very low cost. In fact, in many cases, insurance coverage for School Safety Patrols may be incorporated in the regular liability policy held by a board of education or a school without any increase in premium. Parents of children acting as patrols may be considered as agents of the school, and consequently covered as well under the liability policy.

WHAT DOES THE SCHOOL GET OUT OF THIS PROGRAM?

Patrol Members remind pupils of safety rules and help protect them from road hazards.

Since students are eager to become Patrol Members, and only students with good school records are selected, this provides an incentive for improvement.

Patrols furnish a constructive outlet for the energies of growing boys and girls, and help develop the qualities of leadership.



WHAT DOES A CHILD GET OUT OF BEING A PATROL MEMBER?

When a child is chosen as a member, it means his teacher considers he or she has the important quality of leadership. This quality, developed now, can be of great use and importance to the child's success in business or professional life later.

As a Patrol Member, the child learns the importance of dependability, alertness, duty and punctuality! He develops a sense of social obligation.

He learns to give orders as well as take them. He learns how to control others. All of these factors help in character building.

If a child is not a Patrol Member, he still benefits. He learns the rules of safe walking: in the classroom, on the road, at the patrol points, under the guidance of the Patrol Member. Constant repetition makes a habit of walking safely when crossing roads.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL SAFETY PATROLS?

For further information or assistance, please get in touch with:

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WHO NEEDS IT?

YOUR COMMUNITY MAY!

Right now, many municipalities find it a problem to provide proper protection for children on the roads.

And as the traffic increases, the problem becomes more acute.

Many take no action, expecting, in some mysterious way, that the problem will "go away". It won't.

To solve this problem of child safety, people, you, must take action.

Fortunately, there is an answer . . . there is a solution . . . School Safety Patrols!

School Safety Patrols help provide needed protection. School Safety Patrols make it possible for the police to re-assign their men to points of greatest danger.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL?

The School Safety Patrol is an organization of selected boys and girls from the upper elementary grades. Only students with good school records may join.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

Each member of the Patrol has two specific duties. They are . . .

- . . . to make sure children cross the road only when there is a safe gap in the traffic.
- . . . to remind children of the safety rules they learn in class.

It is very important to remember that members of School Safety Patrols are not policemen. They have no power to stop traffic. All members must observe two basic rules.

1. Under no circumstances does a Patrol Member stop traffic.
2. At no time does a Patrol Member leave the sidewalk or shoulder of the road.

This way, it is assured that the Patrols are not at any time involved with moving traffic. Their sole duty is to hold children back on the sidewalk or shoulder until it is safe for them to cross. When it is safe, they send the children across the road, but remain on the walk or shoulder themselves, ready to deal with the next group of children when they come to the patrol point.

WHO TRAINS PATROL MEMBERS?

The Safety Patrol is usually an extra-curricular activity. Teachers or principals select the members from top-ranking students. A teacher serves as patrol-supervisor.

If your local police have no experience in training children for this service, a Public Safety Consultant from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Communications will work with local police or safety officers in the training of the patrol.

WHO SUPERVISES THE PATROL?

The Patrol Supervisor is usually a teacher. He or she is directly responsible to the school principal.

The Patrol Supervisor and/or principal selects from the members a captain and one or more lieutenants. They are responsible to the Patrol Supervisor.

WHAT EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED?

Each member of the patrol is equipped with a white or orange belt and a badge. These devices identify patrol members to their schoolmates and attract the attention and secure the co-operation of motorists. Raincoats are usually provided also.

The cost of this equipment is small and is usually undertaken by a sponsoring organization such as the local safety council, a service club, the Home and School or Parent-Teacher Association, or some other public-spirited organization. The agency supplying equipment should also see that the patrols receive the community recognition and support they deserve.

WHO APPROVES ORGANIZATION OF THE PATROL?

Secure the approval of your school officials before you proceed.

Secure the approval of the parents of each boy and girl considered for membership.

